

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 205

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Benny Hammonds on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Benny Hammonds is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-five years at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and will be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career at Cocke County High School in 1969, Benny Hammonds moved to Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in 1972, where he has served as head coach of the Highlanders football team; he has compiled a 347-165 record throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Hammonds, the Highlanders made the playoffs thirty-two times, posted thirteen seasons with ten or more wins, and enjoyed five undefeated seasons, the most recent in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Benny Hammonds won his 300th career game in an August 2010 contest at Cosby, and he was inducted into the Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Benny Hammonds exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Benny Hammonds has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Benny Hammonds our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.